

SOAP APPARATUS WITH EMBEDDED SCRUBBING ELEMENT

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to an apparatus and method to form a soap apparatus having an embedded scrubbing element. In one embodiment, a scrubbing soap bar includes a scrubbing element having a filamentous network with internal void regions and a soap material that substantially surrounds the scrubbing element and at least partially fills the void regions within the scrubbing element. In another embodiment, a method includes forming a scrubbing element from a non-woven and porous material, and infiltrating the non-woven and porous material with a soap material to form the soap bar. In still another embodiment, a method includes positioning a scrubbing element in a mold configured to receive the scrubbing element, adding a soap material to the mold to form a solid bar that encapsulates the scrubbing element, and removing the solid bar from the mold.